

make daily exercise a priority. I encourage individuals, community organizations, and schools to celebrate with physical and athletic activities and to work toward the great national goal of an active, fit America.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand this nineteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirtieth.

**George W. Bush**

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### **Proclamation 8004—National Volunteer Week, 2006**

*April 20, 2006*

*By the President of the United States of America*

#### **A Proclamation**

Throughout our country, volunteers make America stronger and better by reaching out to help their neighbors in need. During National Volunteer Week, we recognize the millions of individuals who dedicate their time, talents, and energy to making a difference in the lives of others and reaffirm our commitment to supporting these soldiers in the armies of compassion.

In the 1830s, a Frenchman named Alexis de Tocqueville visited our Nation and saw that the secret to America's success was our talent for bringing people together for the common good and our willingness to serve a cause greater than self. Today, the great strength of America is still found in the hearts and souls of our people. By making a commitment to service, integrity, and good citizenship, our Nation's volunteers show their gratitude for the blessings of freedom and help build a more hopeful future for our children and grandchildren.

Since we created USA Freedom Corps in 2002, my Administration has matched mil-

lions of willing volunteers with opportunities to serve in their communities. These kind-hearted individuals help people who hurt, mentor children who need love, feed those who are hungry, and shelter those who need homes. In the aftermath of the devastating hurricanes of 2005, people throughout our great Nation opened their hearts to help the Gulf Coast recover and rebuild. We will continue to foster the efforts of the millions who care deeply about the future of our country and the plight of their fellow citizens. Americans can find more information about volunteer service opportunities in their own hometowns by visiting the USA Freedom Corps website at [volunteer.gov](http://volunteer.gov).

Our Nation is a force for freedom and prosperity, and our greatness is measured by our character and how we treat one another. During National Volunteer Week, and throughout the year, we appreciate the millions of volunteers across America and strive to be a more compassionate and decent society.

**Now, Therefore, I, George W. Bush**, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim April 23 through April 29, 2006, as National Volunteer Week. I call upon all Americans to recognize and celebrate the important work that volunteers do every day throughout our country. I also encourage citizens to explore ways to help their neighbors in need and serve a cause greater than themselves.

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## **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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### **April 15**

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush had Easter lunch with family members.

### **April 16**

In the morning, at the Evergreen Chapel at Camp David, the President, Mrs. Bush, and family members attended an Easter Sunday service. Later, he met with U.S. military personnel.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

### **April 17**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, on the State Floor, he and Mrs. Bush attended a White House Easter Egg Roll breakfast reception. They then participated in the White House Easter Egg Roll on the South Lawn.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Sterling, VA, where, upon arrival, he toured Europa Stone Distributors, Inc.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Paul A. Denett to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy at the Office of Management and Budget.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council: Debra Abrams; Esther Jungreis; Norma Lerner; Marvin A. Pomerantz; Alan Neil Rechtshaffen; J. Philip Rosen; Elie Wiesel; Bradley David Wine; and Judith Yudof.

### **April 18**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Rockville, MD, where, at the Parkland Magnet Middle School for Aerospace Technology, he met with students and teachers.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Rob Portman to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

The President announced his intention to nominate Susan C. Schwab to be U.S. Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

### **April 19**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with a children's soccer team from Iraq. He then traveled to Tuskegee, AL, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Vester Marable. Later, at Tuskegee University, he participated in a demonstration of nanotechnology research.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his appointment of Joel D. Kaplan as Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy.

The President announced his recess appointment of John L. Palmer and Thomas R. Saving as members of the Boards of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund, the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund, the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, and the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund.

The President announced his recess appointment of Bertha K. Madras as Deputy Director for Demand Reduction at the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

The President announced his recess appointment of James F.X. O'Gara as Deputy Director for Supply Reduction at the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

### **April 20**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the East Room, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a social lunch and entertainment for President Hu Jintao of China and his wife, Liu Yongqing.

### **April 21**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. He then traveled to Moffett Federal Airfield, CA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Joe Russo. While enroute aboard Air